

House Bill 1276

By: Representatives Dickson of the 6th, England of the 108th, Maxwell of the 17th, and Neal of the 1st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 20-2-281 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the assessment of effectiveness of educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for temporary waiver of specific assessments or grades if insufficient funds are appropriated for the student assessment program; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 20-2-281 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the assessment of effectiveness of educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(q)(1) The State Board of Education shall be authorized to waive one or more assessments or specific grades of assessments required pursuant to this Code section in the event that the appropriations from the General Assembly for the student assessment program required pursuant to this Code section are insufficient to cover the costs of administering such program. Any such waiver shall be effective for a maximum of one school year. The General Assembly shall provide notice to the state board if the funding appropriated for the student assessment program is deemed to be insufficient.
(2) This subsection shall not be construed so as to authorize the impairment of any contracts or to relieve the state board or local school systems of any federal requirements."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.